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## Minden Hills hires headhunters

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township is hiring Toronto-based recruitment firm Feldman Daxon Partners Ltd. to find a new community services director for the township.

Councillors voted to hire the firm for a total of \$18,080 during their April 24 meeting.

The motion had come before councillors at a committee-of-the-whole meeting earlier this month, but was deferred when it looked like the motion would be turned down.

Some councillors had expressed concerns the job description for the community services director was too onerous and the conversation had turned from whether or not to hire the recruitment firm to whether or not the job description was too heavy.

"As a member of this council, I'm not saying we don't need a director in this department," said Councillor Lisa Schell at Thursday's meeting.

day's meeting.

However, Schell noted it was unlikely a new director would be in the position before the busy summer season and suggested hiring an interim director on a contractual basis.

Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek has been filing the role since former director Janette Loveys resigned from the township last fall.

Schell's suggestion will be coming forward in a report next month.

"I'm not particularly happy with how we're going to have to go about this," Murdoch said.

At the April 10 meeting, Murdoch had been prepared to take a recorded vote and to vote against hiring headhunters.

"I still have concerns about the size of the portfolio," the deputy-reeve continued, adding that after a new director was in place for six months, she wanted a review of the position.

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## County to construct solo base

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County will construct a standalone EMS base on the former Walker's Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden.

For months, councillors have been delaying a decision on whether to partner with Minden Hills township on a joint EMS base/fire hall at the site or construct a standalone facility.

Council was waiting to see what sort of infrastructure funding might become available from senior levels of government.

In January, Minden Hills council passed a resolution that the township would split costs on a joint project, subject to the caveat

that grants for construction were available.

It was thought a joint application was more likely to be approved.

While Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for projects through its Building Canada Plan, county treasurer Laura Janke told councillors at an April 23 meeting that the county would only be eligible for some roads projects under the program, not even major ones including bridges.

"There is not any hope in the near future to get any federal funding for a base," Janke said.

The county leases space for its ambulance base in Minden, with that lease expiring at the end of the year.

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### Garden Buddies

Amandha Vollmer of Minden dances with daughter Anwyn, as part of a warmup exercise taught at the Garden Buddies peer mentorship program pancake breakfast social on Saturday, April 26 at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall. More on page 3.

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# New pretrial in Kennedy case

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Ryan Kennedy murder case is back at the judicial pretrial stage.

A new pretrial for the 2011 killing of the 21-year-old Haliburton County man began on April 30.

While a trial for the four accused had begun in Oshawa on Jan. 21, a mistrial was declared on March 13.

Details were subject to a publication ban.

Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Nathaniel Cain and Raphael Guerra are each charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

At about 11:45 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2011, police and emergency crews were called to a home at 1028 South Lake Rd. just outside Minden where they found two men bound with duct tape and beaten.

One of the men, Kennedy, succumbed to his injuries, the other lived.

# Third contract for Feldman Daxon

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The township has used Feldman Daxon twice before, once for the hiring of CAO/clerk/economic officer Nancy Wright-Laking, and once for the hiring of former property and environmental operatoins manager Chris Voth, who left the township after a year on the job in the fall of 2012.

Those contracts were not tendered.

Feldman Daxon was the sole company to respond to the tender to find a new community services director.

Loveys resigned from the township last fall after eight months in the position.

She is now director of integrated services for the City of Welland.

Loveys replaced Rick Cox, who resigned in summer of 2012 and now works for the Town of Tillsonburg.

# Carnarvon brewery scores local food grant

**Zach Cox**  
Staff reporter

The Boshkung Brewing Company, located in Carnarvon, has been informed that it will be receiving \$111,500 in funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food’s Local Food Fund.

The funding is for assisting the expansion and retrofitting of the brewery premises as well as with the hosting of the local farmers’ market.

Documentation on the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food website indicated that the Local Food Fund is an initiative in place to “provide funding for innovative projects that support the achievement of increased awareness, demand for and access to local food.”

Blake Paton, president of the Boshkung Brewing Company explained that he submitted a funding application last October, and was pleased when there was a request for more information.

“They don’t ask for more information if they’re going to say no right away,” he says.

Paton explains that the goal of the Local Food Fund is to “draw direct contact between producers and consumers,” and to get “from farm to fork a little faster,” and he feels that the Boshkung Brewing Company was a perfect fit for the grant.

Having grown his own hops for 15 years now, Paton is excited for the chance to expand production. Hops are a viable crop for the Haliburton County area as they don’t require much land, and Paton has provided various landowners and businesses, such as the Haliburton Forest, with hops rhizomes so they can start their own production that the brewing company will then purchase.

“It’s a nice little symbiosis,” Paton says, indicating that the plan is to give spent grain from the brewery to a local farmer as food for pigs, pigs that will then be purchased by the Rhubarb restaurant, operated by Christoph Carl, that resides above the brewery. “We can have beer pig,” Paton laughs.

The plan with the farmers’ market is to continue facilitating the event that has become a popular local feature over the past few years, as well as providing additional space in the brewery sales area where local agricultural products can be featured.

“We’ve promised to increase access to local products,”

“

**I feel badly for the delay, but we think it will be worth the wait.**

— *Blake Paton*  
*Boshkung Brewing Company*

says Paton.

Paton was informed that they would be receiving the \$111,500 in funding several weeks ago, but was asked to refrain from publicizing the fact until the province made an official announcement.

Once he had confirmation that funding would be on the way, though, he was able to make some purchases that had been postponed, including a new low pressure steam boiler that will allow the brewery to produce “better beer than if there were a direct flame under the kettle.”

“As with any other startup, you have to count every penny,” he says, explaining why there was a minor purchasing delay. With the funding on the way, preparations have resumed. “We really, really appreciate it,” Paton says of the funding.

“I feel badly for the delay, but we think it will be worth the wait,” he says.

As of right now, the brewery is in the final stages of both the hook-up and licensing, and he expects that everything should be up and running by the May long weekend.

Haliburton County has also received notice from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food that they will be receiving funding from the Local Food Fund.

\$14,000 is being awarded to aid in the creation of a detailed culinary tourism action plan involving a mapping assessment and consultations in order to capture regional food and culinary tourism attractions.

# Minden Hills to build separate fire hall on Hwy 35 property

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Janke said if council got moving on the project right away, it would be possible to move into a new base Jan. 1.

An ongoing part of the conversation has been what to do with excess land that is not used for the construction of a base.

Minden Hills has expressed interest in buying a piece of the five-acre property for the construction of a fire hall in the future.

Conceptual drawings for the project have shown the property divided into three parcels and councillors favour the three-way subdivision.

The county would build its base on the southernmost section, sell the middle portion to Minden Hills for its fire hall and potentially sell the remaining piece of land at the northern end of the property to another buyer.

“I’m a little bit concerned about the way we’re dividing the property,” said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey wanted to refer the issue back to committee to ensure that there would be enough room on the property for the projects as well as a sellable section at the northern end, where there are some drainage areas.

Other councillors reasoned that where the lines would be drawn could be figured out as the project proceeded, and wanted to get moving.

“I think we really need to get going on making a decision here,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. “We need to take a step outside of our comfort zone and acquire some debt.”

Haliburton County is currently debt-free. However, it is municipalities that are in debt that are more likely to receive infrastructure funding through provincial and federal programs.

The estimated cost for a 5,000-square-foot EMS base, along with paving and other expenses, is \$1.5 million.

A report from the the former department director showed that a base on the highway should improve response times.

Fearrey said he was comfortable with debt, but still wanted to have one more look at the property.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen thought council had been spinning its wheels long enough, that the county should move ahead with the three-parcel subdivision, “the third to do with what we will.”

While it’s been suggested the county sell the third parcel to help recoup project costs, it has also been suggested the upper-tier retain the piece of property for a future purpose.

“I think we’re ready to go,” said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. “We need to go out to tender so we can see the footprint”

Reid reasoned with the county building its base at the southernmost end of southernmost section and Minden Hills being careful to utilize just the space it needs, there should be enough land left over for a developable third portion.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed.

“I don’t think that they have to be that far apart when these buildings are built,” Murdoch said.

Fearrey wanted to know if the property was zoned to allow the project.

“Public uses can happen in just about any zone,” said planner Jane Tousaw, adding that she would double-check on the zoning.

The property was purchased by the previous council for \$385,000 in 2010. Including the land acquisition, the county has spent about \$700,000 on the project so far, including the extension of Minden Hills’s water and sewer system to the site.

The county and Minden Hills have split costs on preliminary studies and drawings.





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# Minden 150 Bike Tour motion deferred

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at an April 24 Minden Hills Council meeting.*

A motion to make the Minden 150 Bike Tour a signature Minden Hills event was deferred by council.

As he had at an April 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Councillor Larry Clarke expressed reservations about the township taking over the event and said several areas needed to be addressed, including formulating a plan, going to staff to check the resources available, financing and a policy or guidelines for the township to assume such events.

At the April 10 meeting, the majority of council indicated they wanted to see the township take over the summer event, which has traditionally been run by a group of volunteers.

Those volunteers have announced they will no longer be running the event and instead of seeing the bike tour fold, council intends to bring it under the township's umbrella.

Depending on how many volunteers the township is able to recruit, the event could cost \$17,000 or more to host.

Reeve Barb Reid, Councillor Ken Redpath and wife Sheila will form the base of a new volunteer committee.

Councillor were fine with looking into Clarke's request, but intend to make a decision at the May meeting.

"I think we're going to have to bring a resolution for that council meeting," Reid said, "but I think we can take another two weeks."

Cycling safety organization Share the Road, which helps

administer the event and takes a portion of the proceeds, continues to be involved and will be producing a list of task usually handled by volunteers for the municipality.

## Road sale deferred

Council deferred a decision to sell the Elm Street roadway to the former Anglican church in Irondale to Bark Lake Cultural Developments for \$1.

The organization owns the church and wishes to take advantage of an in-kind paving donation for the roadway.

While council, on a recommendation from staff, had recommended moving forward with the sale at an April 10 committee-of-the-whole meeting, a concern was raised by an adjacent property owner.

## Planting the seeds to a healthy community

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Amandha Vollmer of Minden spoke passionately about the opportunity to share her knowledge and guidance through the Garden Buddies peer mentorship program.

Experienced gardeners have been paired with young families and individual learners who will acquire the knowledge to grow their own food. The program, which fosters and encourages a healthier lifestyle, is a partnership between SIRCH Community Services, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Mentors like Vollmer, who has gardened for five years (with three here) met their learners at a pancake breakfast social on Saturday morning last week at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall to kick off Garden Buddies.

"The largest part of it is that you don't know where to begin," she said. "Some people want to plant like everything and they can't harvest for example. There's a lot of mistakes. It keeps people shy from it, but it's actually pretty simple some of the basic things you can grow. You just need a little bit of a guide to start to do it. If you can grow food that is an amazing thing to be able to do."

She characterized gardening in the county as intensive, involving a variety of challenges, including weather and soil and the short growing season.

"You just can't plant and grow. You have to consider all these things," she said.

The local business operator is partnered with Sunrise Apartments in Minden.

Communal gardening is high on her list and she believes in it for the future of the community.

Vollmer wants to encourage homeowners to convert front lawns to growing food.

With the community approach, the responsibility to care for the garden would rest with a large group of people instead of one.

"It fosters community. It fosters communication and it fosters food spreading to the right people so if you had a bumper crop of zucchini you're giving it away as much as you can. There's abundance and sharing the abundance is key," she said.

Through the interactions a sharing of knowledge will



**Darren Lum** Staff

Participants in the Garden Buddies peer mentorship program look over the approximately 60 varieties of heirloom seeds offered at the pancake breakfast social on Saturday morning at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall. Ten mentors have been paired with 20 young families and individual learners. This program is a partnership between SIRCH Community Services, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

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There are 10 mentors who are partnered with 50 learners. Every learner received a gardening starter kit (sun screen, knee pad, plot markers, marker, hand spade and rake, gardening gloves, water bladder and a gardening booklet), an assortment of heirloom seeds (radish, zucchini, squash, carrot and pea) and a bag of mixed soil or manure.

Garden Buddies, Haliburton In Transition and Harvest Haliburton paid for the approximate 60 varieties.

Learner Elisa Guthrie of Minden sits at an adjacent table with her year-and-a-half-old Brody, held in a sling on her chest, listening intently to gardening advice.

She smiles about the educational opportunities there will be for her baby and her six-year-old son, who will not only eat healthier, but also be able to assist her gardening.

"It's good for the kids to be able to see how things grow. Where things come from and how to maintain it," she said.

This will teach them, she said, to value food and know how to garden themselves.

Unlike the Internet, garden buddies provide personal advice that is important when troubleshooting.

"[A person to call] can help us out if we have an issue. If we have a bug or something that's eating your cucumber and you want to get rid of it you can call someone. Some-

body to just help you," she said.

Guthrie is intent on building raised garden beds for carrots, lettuce and tomatoes and believes this will provide greater health and cost saving for her young family.

Originally from the area, Guthrie moved from Toronto close to a year ago with her husband of two years. Their townhouse lot provided little space for a garden unlike their new lot. She plans on helping her grandparents with their garden.

SIRCH's executive director Gena Robertson sees this program as a way to get back to basics, similar to how she grew up when every body had a produce garden in their yard.

The best thing is that it recognizes and addresses fundamental hurdles for people when gardening, related to intimidation and a lack of enjoyment.

"It's taking people who are passionate about gardening and know how to do it to teach the basics," Robertson said.

Although she is not certain it will decrease food security issues for people, she knows it's a start.

The program is possible through the Ontario Sports and Recreation Communities Fund, Harvest Haliburton, Minden Canadian Tire, Country Rose, Haliburton Home Hardware and Haliburton Rexall.



# Pond hockey organizers ask for \$25K

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Organizers of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships are looking to Haliburton County for \$25,000 a year for three years to keep the event in the county.

Neil Lumsden, executive director with J-Core Marketing, the company behind the event, visited county councillors at their April 23 meeting.

The pond hockey championships have been held in Haliburton village the past two winters, bringing in about 1,500 people over two weekends to take to the ice on Head Lake.

The county pitched in \$10,000 for each of the 2013 and 2014 tournaments, with councillors hoping the event would become financially self-sufficient.

"We're very proud of what we do, this event, where it has come from, and the impact it makes," Lumsden told councillors. "Sport, in general, brings people together."

According to Lumsden, the event also brings significant economic benefit to the community.

According to a survey conducted following the 2014 tournament, the average player spent \$375 while in the county, above and beyond registration fees.

There were 93 responses to the survey.

This equates to nearly \$385,000 spent in the county during two weekends, Lumsden told councillors.

"This is driving business," he said. "That's what this is."

The Haliburton Lions Club ran the food and beverage tent, making some \$4,000 and local food banks also collected 900 pounds of food from players as well as the Turkey Farmers of Ontario.

"Another important point is that the local budget was approximately \$48,000, of which almost 50 per cent of that money was paid directly to the local business community as outlined in the notes of the local budget," a slide that was part of Lumsden's presentation read.

The tournament has opened up its books to the county, submitting its finances, which will be reviewed by the county's finance and correspondence committee.

The committee will then make a recommendation to council. Lumsden told councillors Wednesday he was fine with totals being disclosed, but did not wish for the specifics – which local companies got paid what for goods and services – to be made public. "That's not partnership," he said.

While the event is non-profit, J-Core does collect a fee for organizing and hosting the tournament. That the county is putting in public funds while the company makes money has been the source of some local scrutiny, including in letters to the editor. Lumsden clarified to the paper that J-Core does not

turn a profit on the tournament.

"The company cannot profit from it," he said. "It's not allowed." Lumsden said that any profit a tournament did make would be put in an account used to build the event.

He said the 2014 tournament was not expected to make any money. "If there's no surprises, we're probably at zero," he said. Staff employees do collect salary and expenses from the event.

Lumsden did not wish to release these figures to the paper and said they were part of the package given to the county, which may be made public through the committee process.

"It's great there was such success for the food bank and Lions Club," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, asking if there would be an opportunity for more community groups to benefit from the event.

"We can cycle now so that there can be more people who would be positively affected," Lumsden said.

Moffatt wanted to know what would happen if councillors decided against ponying up \$25,000 a year to host event.

"Is the event's future in Haliburton County fully dependent on that request?" she asked.

"We need to have participation," Lumsden said. "Yes."

The decade-old event was held for a number of years at Huntsville's Deerpark resort before coming to Haliburton.

## Library needs increased IT support

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton County Public Library system needs increased IT support, the library's CEO told council last week.

Bessie Sullivan visited county councillors during their April 23 meeting, delivering her annual general report.

She also delivered a report on IT support, which dealt with the need for more staff time, more staff or other solutions to deal with the county's growing computer fleet.

"There's a lot of pressure on county IT," Sullivan told councillors. "The more we build libraries . . . and put more and more computers into them . . . we have to come up with a way to support them."

There are 55 computers spread throughout the library's eight branches, 34 of them for public use.

A new library is nearly ready to open in Wilberforce, which will include more computers.

In 2012, Industry Canada discontinued funding for IT support for public computers under its Community Access Program.

"The increased strain on County IT resources is becoming more obvious to the library staff, the library board, and the public who use the technology," Sullivan's report to council read.

"At the library's full capacity there could be 306 people a day using computers at nine locations across the county and countless others using library connectivity 24/7."

Users of the county's public computers range from those seeking employment to students completing homework to people running errands on lunch hour to county residents without high-speed Internet.

The report noted that on top of the computers themselves, there are laptops, printers, photocopiers and phones that need to be supported.

One recommendation in the report was the expansion of the role of the library's troubleshooting staffer, known as the library champion (LC).

"Having a library champion (LC) will make sense in the long run, but any tasks we add to the LC's workload will require more of the LC's time," the report read.

"One possible solution to reduce time travelling to sites is increased remote capabilities for the LC. For the LC to take an active role in IT without compromising the LC's other duties will require more paid hours. The LC currently works 35 hours a week, potentially the LC could work 40 hours a week."

Other recommendations included increasing paid hours for current IT staff, or adding staff members.

The county's IT department consists of two people.

Another recommendation was contracting out some of the work.

"Are we going to go back and address why we need so many libraries?" asked Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The library's eight branches are located in Minden, Haliburton, Dorset, Stanhope, Wilberforce, Cardiff, Highland Grove and Gooderham.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge pointed out the smallest branches in her municipality only have one public-access computer each.

"It's all about the use," said Fearrey.

"It's all about having to service one that's 30 miles out"

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who sits on the library board, said reviewing that concern is part of a strategic plan process.

A report on staffing strains in the IT department is expected to come before councillors next month.

Circulation at the library grew by three per cent in 2013, to 144,000 items from 138,756 the previous year.

It added more than 6,500 items to its catalogue, bringing its total items count to more than 49,000.

## Transportation can reduce poverty

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Transportation could go a long way in battling poverty in Haliburton County.

At their April 23 meeting, county councillors heard from Mike Perry, executive director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team, and a lead on the poverty reduction strategy for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

A 2012 report, part of the ongoing development of the strategy, identified five major themes in dealing with poverty; employment, transportation, child care, food and basic needs and housing.

There have been consultations, including focus groups and surveys, one aimed specifically at those struggling financially.

"The No. 1 response to what could help get a job was affordable and accessible transportation," Perry told councillors.

He said transportation was also the No. 1 response to what could help people with access to child care.

One suggested method of improving access to transportation is ride-sharing – carpooling.

Another is designating empty seats on school buses for public use.

"They're on the road, anyway," Perry said.

Another suggestion is the continued creation of bike lanes and infrastructure to make the community more cyclist-friendly.



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# Expanding CoKL police force out of the question, mayor says

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Alternative policing methods are being explored by some municipalities as they struggle to deal with large cost increases that would be brought on by a new OPP billing model, set to come into effect in 2015.

The Ontario Police Services Act allows municipalities to create their own forces, or partner on forces with adjoining municipalities.

South of Haliburton County, which would see its OPP bill spike by more than \$5 million next year, the City of Kawartha Lakes has a municipal police force.

It looks after the town of Lindsay and the former Ops township.

The other 15 former municipalities that comprise the amalgamated City of Kawartha Lakes are serviced by the OPP.

Only the users of the municipal force – the residents of Lindsay and the former Ops township – pay for it.

“They pay substantially more,” City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee told the *Times*.

Currently, City of Kawartha Lakes residents serviced by the OPP pay about \$80 per every \$100,000 of property assessment.

Under the new OPP billing model, they would pay approximately \$123 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

The proposed model attempts to equalize OPP payments on a per household basis throughout the province, with an estimated average per household fee of \$369.

Lindsay residents pay approximately \$285

per \$100,000 of assessment for the municipal force, Ops residents \$183.

The per household cost of the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service for 2013 was \$681.

McGee said the idea of expanding the municipal force was “completely out of the question, in my opinion.”

McGee said that taxpayers are responsible for 64 per cent of the costs for the OPP, while 34 comes directly from the province.

However, the mayor, who said his municipality feels the billing system that exists now is fair, criticized the proposed model, which would see its \$6.2 million OPP bill increase by \$3.5 million.

It would bring about a 4.5 tax increase in the municipality.

“The province needs to get off the backs of municipalities,” McGee said, adding this is another in a series of downloading of costs from the province to local governments.

He said the City of Kawartha Lakes has one of the lowest crime rates among jurisdictions serviced by the OPP.

What the city intends to do about the proposed model is an issue currently before its community policing advisory committee.

The District of Muskoka is investigating the idea of hiring a consultant to look at the pricing of a local force and county politicians will be discussing the possibility of joining such an effort in May.

The proposed formula would see the county’s collective OPP costs jump from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million, equating to tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout its four lower-tier townships.



## Making moments matter

Employment services company Northern Lights Canada donated \$2,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation last week. Administrative coordinators Karen Eno, left, and Sue Collings presented HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler with a cheque at the company’s office on Bobcaygeon Road. The money will help establish a new palliative care suite. **Chad Ingram** Staff

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## Mayday

**P**ERHAPS YOU'RE the type who doesn't like to ruffle feathers.

You don't usually make a fuss and like to go quietly and peacefully about your business.

And that's fine. Great. Understandable. After all, if you're reading this, you're probably Canadian.

However, if you're reading this, you're also likely to be gigantically and negatively impacted by the new proposed billing formula poised to come into effect in 2015.

And you should do something about. And you can do something about it.

The county and the chamber of commerce have organized a day of action against the proposed funding formula for tomorrow, May 1.

The local government is asking residents to write and call Queen's Park in protest.

The formula would see collective policing costs in Haliburton County rise from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million next year, with absolutely no service increase.

The county will, in effect, be paying for 25 police officers in other municipalities throughout the province.

Should it pass, the formula would take tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent to absorb.

While no other municipal funding formulas are calculated on a per household basis, this one would be.

It would weigh seasonal residences evenly with year-round residences, despite the former being vacant for large portions of the year.

It would not include commercial and industrial properties (but owners of these properties would still be subject to tax increases imposed by local governments to account for the increase).

It may mean the elimination of programs and services within the county.

Because it is a regulatory change, it

doesn't have to pass through the legislators on the floor of Queen's Park.

The provincial government, which wants to adopt the new formula this summer, has not been willing to help.

The OPP have not been willing to help.

It is up to us to help ourselves.

The county has a host of sample letters and telephone scripts on its website at [haliburton-county.ca/proposed-opp-billing-model/](http://haliburton-county.ca/proposed-opp-billing-model/). Premier Kathleen Wynne's email address is [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca). The phone number for her office is 416-325-1941.

Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi's email address is [ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola](mailto:ynaqvi.mpp.co@liberal.ola). The

phone number for his Queen's Park office is 416-325-0408. The phone number for his constituency office is 613-722-6414.

Residents are also encouraged to take to Twitter with the hashtag #OPP-MayDay.

Some of you won't read this until after May 1 has passed. That's fine. Don't let it stop you from getting involved. Your voice will still count.

If you are a seasonal resident, be sure to cc your home MPP on your correspondence to the province, especially if your MPP is Liberal.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who has been running that township since dinosaurs roamed the Earth, has called the funding formula the single most negative event for the county that he has seen in his political career.

This is a big deal, folks.

If passed as is, the funding formula will hobble Haliburton County for years and years to come.

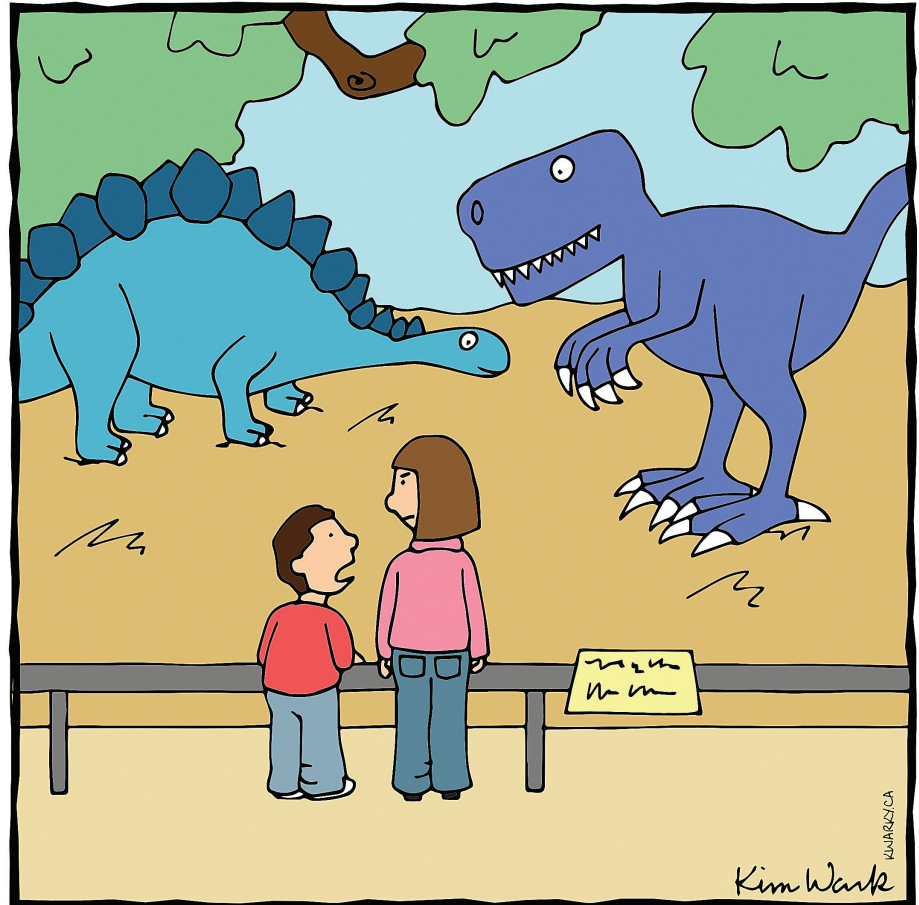
All of us – the apolitical and the political of every stripe, the year-round and the seasonal, the loud and the quiet – need to stand together and in a unified voice tell the province that this is wrong.

And that includes you.



Chad Ingram  
Reporter

## KWARKY



"MOM, WERE DINOSAURS ALIVE WHEN YOU WERE A KID?"

## letters to the editor

### OPP cost increases incomprehensible

Dear Premier Wynne,

The most recent initiative to impose a 257 per cent increase in policing costs on to the ratepayers of the township of Algonquin Highlands and other large increases in Dysart, Highlands East, and Minden Hills is incomprehensible!

How can an 8.5 per cent increase in wages negotiated by your predecessor translate into a 257 per cent increase in costs to us? No cost model could possibly justify that kind of an increase, unless of course it was developed to lessen the political impact it would have on more densely populated areas.

The cost model appears to give equal weight to both seasonal and permanent occupants. The suggestion that we should be paying for what amounts to a complement of 54 officers when what we currently have is 29 officers makes no sense, especially when there is no plan in place to increase the staff. So my basic

question would be; why are you asking us to pay for staff we don't have and probably won't get? Given the fact that the staffing is anticipated to remain at current levels, why are we not assessed an increase commensurate with the pay increase your government negotiated with the police association two years ago?

Sadly, in light of this issue, and the problems we have relating to skyrocketing hydro costs, it would appear that the current government is making decisions based on what is good politically, rather than what makes financial sense for Ontarians at large.

I would hope that consideration be given to modify the costing of policing in our respective counties such that it is equitable for all and a disproportionate amount of costs are not imposed on the rural and seasonal residents of Haliburton.

Chris Fauquier, P. Eng.  
Algonquin Highlands

### Police spending out of control

To the Editor,

It's disturbing when government services, hospitals and the post office are being cut, corporations and business of all kinds are closing, many are trimming the fat and tightening their belts while the police are spending out of control – driving new expensive vehicles, snowmobiles and ATVs, etc.

Adding insult to injury, the OPP want to hike their budget from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million under the guise of "pre-household cost" and "call for service cost," which could result in hiked property taxes by 20 per cent in Minden Hills, 25 per cent in Highlands East, 33 per cent in Dysart and 36 per cent in Algonquin Highlands.

Speaking for Highlands East where I live, it's more disturbing since most of this region is made up of retirees and people on welfare.

There is little or no industry here, thus forcing most young people to flee to nearby cities seeking work. At present, our taxes are too high for the services we get. With the exception of small towns, everyone draws water from a passing river/lake or their own well. There are no sewers, no mail delivery or garbage collection and most sideroads are dirt – many are without gutters that are prone to flooding and some (like mine) are not maintained or plowed by the county at all. Thus more tax dollars up here are supporting a dying community, schools few children attend and an extravagant police force.

As a seventh-year retired resident of Tory Hill, with all the driving I do weekly, with the exception of Haliburton Village, I have only seen five OPP officers. That's five times within a half-hour drive in any direction of my residence in seven years.

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## points of view

# For the love of all things holey

**A** RECENT SURVEY in England may have come as a shock to a lot of people, but it came as no surprise to me.

I'm talking about the well-publicized poll that determined, on average, men buy new underwear every seven years.

I know that seems quite extravagant, but if you consider how important underwear is to the average man, you'll quickly understand why we put out our hard earned cash so frequently.

Women, of course, do not fully grasp the wonderful relationship between a man and his underwear.

I wouldn't exactly call it a special bond – unless you wear the same pair every day – but I will concede we do have a certain loyalty to our boxers and briefs.

I think that's partly because we recognize that we ask these things to do a thankless job often under very stressful conditions. And they go will-

ingly into harm's way.

Put that way, you can't help but admire them.

Having said that, I also think it's best to try to keep the relationship on a purely professional level. It's no use getting overly sentimental because that just makes parting ways even more difficult. And if you wear a thong, you don't want that.

Still, I think it is fair to say that underwear, fresh out of the package is a marvellous thing. And I think it's also safe to say that most of us never want that feeling to end.

During the honeymoon phase, it's fresh, exciting and new. The bands cling tightly, the colours are true, the fabric maintains its integrity and innocence. All it wants to do is support you.

On the second day, however, real-

ity sets in. Colours begin to become unrecognizable, the band loosens up a bit, the tag sticks up, the fabric gets all worn and holey. The innocence is gone. It has seen your worst side and knows more than anyone that you are sometimes full of hot air.

It's might not be romantic but there is a level of comfort. And, you know, I'll take comfort over romance any day.

Then comes the getting-to-know-you stage.

You work together every day and soon develop a grudging respect. And, more importantly, trust. You know you can count on your underwear to cover you, no matter how bad things get.

Yes, it might not be as pretty as it once was. But it wears the scars of experience. Sure, it has a few more holes and, yes, the bands are now so

loose that you need to wear suspenders to keep them up. But it's been with you through thick and thin for a whole week. What do you expect?

By the end of that first month, a man and his underwear can be practically inseparable. Then, it's time to launder them.

Not long after, you become old friends. But you don't make a big deal of it.

That happens a few years down the road, when you realize all this is coming to an end.

You start hearing comments like, "For the love of God, put on some underwear" when you are actually wearing your best pair. Or worse still, people stop you on the street and ask, "Where did you got the spats?"

It's sad, but it is the way of the world. But if you if you ask me, this is not why we replace them. No, in the end, it's more about the seven year itch.



**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

# The battle of Benoir Lake

**A** COUNTY AS THEME park. Aye, that's the ticket! A Haliburton so quiet that the visitors in their million-dollar cottages can pretend they are surrounded by pristine wilderness.

A Haliburton in which, as one weekender put it, "lifestyle and investments are protected," and real-estate values and pretended solitude trump local jobs.

Perhaps some day even a Haliburton in which property taxes translate into shares and the special interest group with the most shares always gets its way.

The Brown Dog Jiggs and I were so busy with maple syrup that we were only able to watch from a distance as The Battle of Benoir Lake unfolded and collapsed with the withdrawal of the invading Armathec Survivability troops.

Isolated as we are in this southwestern corner from the county, we watched with bemusement the defeat of an Armathec proposal that would have set off an occasional explosion at the heart of a 2,300-acre property it intended to buy in Harcourt Township, just south of Algonquin Park.

Armathec would have planted its own Improvised Explosive Devices inside a small fenced plot, then driven armoured vehicles over them to see how they stood up to the blast.

It would have been not so much a blast as a thud not likely to be heard at a Benoir cottage at least a mile away by my uncertain arithmetic. There would have been fewer than 30 thuds a year.

There also would have been some kind of a mobility test track about half a mile from the nearest property line. The machinery would have made about as much noise as a mid-sized tractor – less than a log skidder, I imagine.

For Armathec to do all of this, the Township of Dysart et al would have had to re-zone the property. Faced with a hysterical mob of cottagers, township council turned tail and ran.

When Armathec called a public meeting to explain its plans, the weekenders declared that they had already made up their minds and didn't want to risk hearing anything that might change them. It was a truthy moment that Stephen Colbert would have loved.

Next a council committee said no. Then the whole council said no, too. Armathec could tell when it was not wanted and went looking elsewhere. Now the property is back on the market, perhaps there for the logging.

Armathec had promised that the

project would produce at least five jobs in a neighbourhood that needs all of the jobs it can get. That makes no never mind for weekenders.

Jobs are not an issue for a family that can afford a second home, but they are an issue for local folks who struggle to afford a first home.

Cottagers fretted about noise and commotion, about traffic, about damage to the flora and fauna. Council could have attached conditions to a re-zoning that would

have made most of those problems go away.

Even without regulation, most of the noise and commotion would have been on weekdays. Workers would not have been paid overtime to blow things up on weekends or in the middle of the night.

If the weekenders want to learn about noise, let them listen to a few hours of logging, of chainsaws and skidders, which would require no re-zoning for the 2,300 acres. Or they could just sit on their docks and listen to the power boats and leaf blowers and the amped-up music from next door.

If they're worried about disturbing the wildlife, they should stop fishing

and hunting and hiking in the woods, then demolish their cottages and let their lakeshore revert to its natural state.

Except that humanity's intrusions on the natural world are in themselves part of nature, for we are part of nature, only animals, ourselves. It is when we set ourselves apart from nature that things get confused.

The Brown Dog and I live in nature on Sapsucker Ridge, and tread gently on it every day.

The Battle of Benoir Lake is history now, signed and dated and filed away. This column is far too late getting to it. Nevertheless, it stands as a permanent symbol of the gulf between those who own here and those who try to make a living here.

And its central thesis, that weekenders should have their way because they pay most of the taxes, is deeply offensive to Canadian values, if only you think it through.

Suppose you were told that the rights of bank presidents should trump those of fast-food cashiers because bankers pay more taxes. Would you buy that argument? Would anybody even dare make that argument?

And yet it has become part of the cottage liturgy that cottagers should have their way, because they paid for it.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond





## Firefighters learn new skills

In cooperation with Minden Hills fire department and the Algonquin Highlands fire services members of both departments took part in a provincial pumper operations course April 27. The day the photos were taken was the final day of practical evolutions. Sixteen students from Minden, Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake participated in the course with the final exams on the day the photo was taken. Everyone was successful and will take valuable skills to their respective communities. This will increase safety and efficiency in firefighting. /Submitted

## No crime without industry

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The reason being low or no call rates, thus police presence is almost nil. In other words, there is no crime without industry and no crime being committed by the elderly. Realizing that the OPP is seeking a smaller hike, their ploy is to scare the people with an outrageous number and when the dust settles, the people will compromise with a lesser amount thinking they did well. I say BS – the services we now get or will get in the future does not justify any hike whatsoever in our taxes.

Brad Bradshaw  
Tory Hill

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# Drivers turning 80 face new tests

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

An area doctor is happy about new provincial renewal requirements for 80-year-old drivers.

As of April 21, the Ontario government is requiring 80-year-olds to pass a new driver's test, which assesses not only driving knowledge, but also their cognitive abilities.

Dr. Elena Mihi of Kinmount is frankly "very pleased" with this new mandatory requirement.

For years she was put into a position to decide whether someone could drive or not, as doctors were charged with assessing cognitive tests to determine a person's ability to drive.

"I am honestly thrilled that they are doing this because it takes the onus off of us. We have been with patients for 15 years ... suddenly to tell them that they cannot drive or we have to suspend their licence it really puts a strain on the relationship," she said.

Although Mihi acknowledges there are poor drivers of all ages she said aging is a contributing factor to the decline of motor skills.

"The coordination [to] the speed of reaction to unusual events, all of those are declining. This isn't to say an 80-year-old cannot drive, but we need to be more cautious of how we screen them because they may be fine driving from here to the grocery store under normal circumstances when the weather is perfect, visibility is perfect and nothing unusual is happening, but what if something unusual happens? Are they able to react as quickly as an average middle-aged person?"

The older mandatory test involving road sign knowledge only tests long term memory, failing to test any ability to adjust to changing weather or road conditions, Mihi said.

In her 15 years being a doctor, Mihi said it's unusual for anyone to voluntarily give up his or her licence. She's faced a lot of resistance from patients to even the idea of losing a licence due to a decline in cognitive abilities. Many defend themselves by expressing a strong driving record during their life. Mihi points out to patients that what they did as a young person, like play hockey, hasn't necessarily continued, so why should cognitive abilities remain static.

"Your physical health changes and deteriorates so does your cognitive health. It's just something we need to accept. The issue becomes are you safe or aren't you? I'm sure you don't want to hurt yourself and, more importantly, to hurt somebody else."

Now once a driver turns 80 they will receive a licence renewal form and a letter about the process from the government. These will arrive close to 90 days before their driving licence expires.

Then an appointment must be made for the renewal session. This session will last 90 minutes.

It includes a vision test, a 45-minute interactive group education session, an in-class screening exercise and a driving record review. After this, depending on results, some drivers must pass an in-car driving test, including a follow-up with a physician and submission of medical



**Darren Lum** Staff

As of last Monday the provincial government has implemented new mandatory testing for drivers 80 and over. A screening test includes two exercises testing cognitive abilities.

information.

The screening includes two cognitive tests: clock drawing and alphabetic letter cancellation.

Mihi said the clock drawing exercise assesses higher cognitive function.

Subjects are asked to give times by drawing the circle with the hour hand and minute hand.

Letter cancellation involves recognizing a specific letter from a collection of a mixed group of letters.

Both test cognitive abilities, which are effective to assess a person's ability to drive, said Mihi.

Find more information about the testing and related information at [Ontario.ca/seniordriver](http://Ontario.ca/seniordriver).



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— Dr. Elena Mihi

Mihi said to test cognitive abilities she uses two types of trails tests: trails A and trails B.

The first test asks people to connect numbers from a collection of numbers placed all over a page. The second test

asks the subject to connect number/letter combinations to complete a sequence with other number/letter combinations.

OPP Const. Paul Potter believes in the intent of the effort, but also acknowledges the transportation challenges for the Highlands.

"I think the priority is to maintain safe drivers on our roadways and it sounds like that is what the new program hopes to accomplish. It is certainly difficult in an area like Haliburton County where public transit is not an available option for our seniors. Losing your mobility can certainly create hardships that would be difficult to overcome," he wrote in an email.

Local CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 president Bob Stinson, who underwent the old testing this past September when he turned 80, holds no anxiety for the mandatory testing in his future. He welcomes it.

He believes the new test will be easier than what he experienced, which he characterized as pretty straight forward.

CARP's vice-president for advocacy Susan Eng said this smacks of age discrimination and every driver regardless of age should get remedial testing. With 1.3 million drivers over 80, Eng finds it unfair to generalize that all distracted and bad driving can be attributed to one group.

Although Stinson agrees with Eng, who believes all drivers should be tested more for safer roads, he was fairly relieved when a man that did not pass the vision test was failed.

"If you lose your licence you got a transportation problem here. At the same time if you lose your licence you probably should have," he said. "I can't suggest they should be allowed to drive anyways because they're isolated."

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# Controversy continues over fence in Irondale

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The issue of constructing a fence near the Irondale Community Centre is heading back to the centre's advisory committee.

For months, Minden Hills council has been discussing putting up a fence near the property line of a neighbouring property to deal with an apparent dispute with the property owner.

That dispute is over where cars can be parked during a baseball tournament that takes place once a year.

While council had previously recommended installing posts that could be used to create temporary fencing during the weekend of the ball tournament, the advisory committee would like to see the installation of a permanent fence.

"Every year we have to put up a fence and every year there's controversy," said Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville at an April 24 council meeting.

The abutting property belongs to the father of Jeff Hancock, a man who successfully sued the township for defamation after he and his wife, former members of the advisory committee, were accused of stealing from the centre.

Neville said she would like to see the Line Fences Act used, however, chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking said this

was not necessary, as there was no dispute over the location of the proposed fence, or who was paying for it.

It would go on a township road allowance, one foot from the Hancock property.

"I do not believe there's any dispute," Wright-Laking said. "The municipality's paying for the fence."

"We can put up a fence on our property," said Reeve Barb Reid.

The cost of the fence would come from the reserves for the centre, which sit at \$24,000.

Much of that money comes from fund-raising done by volunteers. The centre, like the ones in Gelert and Lochlin, is maintained and paid for largely by a volunteer committee.

Neville said that the volunteers didn't think it was right that funds they raised be used to put up a municipal fence.

It is estimated a four-foot, chain-link fence would cost \$6,500, plus HST.

Neville said she believed the money should come from general township coffers, which other members of council took issue with.

"I don't think there's anybody else in this community who feels there needs to be a fence there," said Ward 2 Councillor Ken Redpath.

Property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram reiterated the request for the fence had come from the volunteers.



Chad Ingram Staff

The Irondale Community Centre advisory committee wants to install a permanent fence near the ball diamond in Irondale to resolve a parking dispute with a neighbouring property owner.

"This is a recommendation coming from the committee," Ingram said. "That's why the recommendation is in there."

The report on the fence and its location

will go to a May 8 committee meeting.

The Hancock family did not wish to speak to the issue at this time.

## What can you find at the seed library?

Spring is just around the corner (for real now, we can feel it!) and gardening is on everyone's minds, so check out the Haliburton County Seed Library.

In partnership with Haliburton In Transition (HINT) and Harvest Haliburton, Haliburton County Public Library houses the Haliburton Seed Library in the Dysart branch. Using the seed library is easy:

Take a packet of seeds. Mark down the packet of seeds you took in the log book.

After the growing season, save your seeds and donate them back to the seed library, if you are able.

The seed library has a number of different seeds including herbs, vegetables, leafy greens, and even flowers.

There are also empty envelopes for donating seeds, as well as information on

how to save seeds.

Workshops are also offered on planting and seed saving, watch for seed workshops at our Dysart branch on May 8 on how to start seeds indoors, and May 28 on planting with seed saving in mind. Both workshops are 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sue Robinson, Community Partnerships and Administration Coordinator for the Haliburton County Public Library, will be presenting on the seed library at the Friends of HCPL annual general meeting and members afternoon on Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m. at the community room.

The event is free to Friends members or \$5 for the general public – or why not just join the Friends, as an annual membership is also \$5.

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# HHHS supports EMS proposal for paramedicine program

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on April 24.*

A proposal to introduce a community paramedicine program in Haliburton County is getting a thumbs up from Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

The Haliburton County EMS department developed a proposal and submitted it to the Ministry of Health on April 17, requesting \$160,000, said HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"It's one-time funding for some technology and medication that needs to be provided to the EMS staff [department]," said Eskedjian.

If approved, the program would have EMS staff be proactive and go out to seniors who are identified as at risk.

"The concept is to visit these people when there's down time and there is down time with EMS," said the CEO.

The goal is for the regular visits to help eliminate unnecessary trips to the HHHS emergency departments.

"We are supportive of it, as well as the Family Health Team is supportive of it as well as a number of other community health providers have written a letter of support," said Eskedjian.

HHHS has submitted a letter of support to be submitted with the EMS proposal.

"We think in our context in Haliburton County, with people being far away, from a transportation perspective, that this makes a ton of sense," said Eskedjian.

## Integration continues

Integration planning between HHHS, Community Care Haliburton County, VON and SIRCH continues, with the transition team meeting on a weekly basis, said Eskedjian.

One of the priorities the team recognized from the outset was the importance of clear communication with the staff and public, said the CEO.

As a result, the team sent out an RFP for a communications support person and has retained Jennifer Garland, a communications specialist.

From just outside of Peterborough, Garland was one of two who submitted a proposal, the other submission was from a local party, said Eskedjian.

According to Eskedjian, Garland is familiar with this community and has worked with area corporations and small hospitals.

"We're very happy," said the CEO, adding Garland has already begun to attend the integration meetings.

Garland will be developing a communications plan and engaging with the community and target stakeholders.

Her services are budgeted to cost \$10,000 and will be funded through the Small, Northern, Rural Hospitals Transformation Fund, which has money allocated for communications support.

Part of the integration plan will see the board of directors of Community Care and HHHS merge into one board.

Community Care has nominated three current board members to join the HHHS board, said HHHS chairman Len Logozar.

Those individuals will have to apply and comply to the nomination requirements currently in place by the board.

## Purchasing partnership with Ross Memorial

A procurement partnership with Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay is saving HHHS money when it comes to buying goods.

The arrangement has RMH doing the procurement, which is resulting in better pricing through shared services, said Eskedjian.

"This is a good news story," said the president and CEO. "We were paying premium prices, in some cases."

In addition, RMH has agreed to let HHHS do its large printing orders through the Lindsay hospital's print shop.

## Cash for Care winding down

The Cash for Care lottery facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is winding down.

The next early bird draw is set to take place on April 30, with the last four draws scheduled for May 23.

Logozar encouraged board members to purchase tickets, if they had not already done so.

Proceeds from this year's lottery were going towards palliative care, said Logozar.

"This year the tickets aren't flying off the shelf," he said.

This is the second year of the Cash for Care lottery.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. They are also available throughout the county at many business locations.

# County working on alternative OPP model

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Haliburton County is working on an alternative OPP billing model to submit to the province, one that would encapsulate commercial and industrial properties.

A new billing model set to come into effect in 2015 seeks to equalize OPP payments throughout the province on a per household basis, and would see collective annual policing costs in Haliburton County spike from \$3.3 to \$8.5 million.

The county's treasurer has repeatedly called the model flawed for a number of reasons, one of which is that it includes seasonal residences (weighting them evenly with year-round residences), but does not include commercial and industrial properties.

At an April 23 council meeting, treasurer Laura Janke told council that after receiving permission from the county's four reeves, she had contacted the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for information on commercial,

industrial and institutional properties.

Janke should receive the information by early May and will be using it to put together a new case to submit to the province.

A steering committee on OPP billing assembled by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario released a report April 10 that recommended the province proceed with the per household model or a model that would operate on blended per household/weighted assessment.

The latter option would essentially have the same outcome for the county, in fact costing a few thousand dollars more.

Under the per household model, 73 per cent of the bill – or approximately \$260 per household – would be charged for the base, or fixed, overhead costs of policing, while 27 per cent of the bill would be based on calls for service.

This figure will vary depending on the number of calls in

an area.

The province has shown some indication to consider changing that weighting to 60 per cent base and 40 per cent per call, but Janke suggested that a 15/85 per cent split would be more fair.

The county has requested and received call statistics from the local detachment for the past three years.

The county has requested a meeting with Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Yasir Naqvi through MPP Laurie Scott and is still awaiting a reply.

The county has orchestrated a day of action against the proposed billing formula for May 1, encouraging residents to email or call the office of the minister or the premier, or take to Twitter with the hashtag #OPPMayDay.

The proposed formula would see tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout the county's lower tier townships to absorb.

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# SPARC receives charge of cash

**Zach Cox**  
Staff reporter

A cash infusion from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will help SPARC become a flame, local MPP Laurie Scott announced at the first Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities at Fleming College on April 24.

A \$105,400 grant will be used in part to hire a co-ordinator to do the groundwork to create an official network for the performing arts in rural places.

"I have nothing to criticize tonight," said Scott, who is opposition critic for tourism and culture.

"The positive atmosphere and the delightful people that I've met since I've come into this room has just been so engaging."

Scott said the arts community is very active throughout Haliburton County.

"As you have noticed, I'm sure, Haliburton is a fantastic arts and culture community, there's probably no better place to host your first-ever symposium."

The four-day event for presenters, producers and creators of the arts featured more than 30 speakers and delivered 34 workshops, drawing in over 130 delegates from across the country along with several international attendees.

A strong youth presence was part of the symposium as well, with 20 attendees being brought on specifically as youth delegates. These delegates, who fell between the ages of 16 and 29, participated in the discussions to highlight both the complications and the opportunities faced by youth involved in the performing arts in rural communities.

A portion of the grant money from Trillium helped support the travel and accommodation costs for the delegates who arrived from outside the area. Other costs to run the event were supported in part by a \$40,000 federal government grant, and the townships of Dysart et al and Minden Hills each sponsored two local youth delegates.

"It's not easy getting a Trillium grant," said Scott, commending Jim Blake for his work on the application. HCCC and SPARC were able to secure the \$105,400 provincially grant as the event fit the criteria of reaching multiple areas throughout Ontario.

"It's our sincerest hope, that all of this – the enthusiasm, the sharing of knowledge, the exchange of information – that all of this becomes the fertile ground in which the seeds of a rural performing arts network will take root," said organizing chairwoman Lesley English.

The call for co-ordinator applications will be sent out to SPARC delegates and distributed across the province within the next month.

In addition to creating a co-ordinator position, grant money will go towards the creation and hosting of a summit event to be held in Haliburton during the fall of this year that will launch the network.



Clockwise, from top, David Brusegard gets lost in the music; the Orillia cast of *Dancing in the Third Act* performed at SPARC; local resident Adam Perecko relates his experience as a youth involved with performing arts in a rural community; and Colin Little and Sadie Dixon-Spain of *The Walking Theatre Company* came from Scotland to attend SPARC during the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities that was held from April 24 to 27.

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# Hawks slay COSSA badminton giants

**Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

A Red Hawks senior doubles team is astounded days after upsetting a perennial doubles badminton powerhouse to earn a berth to the all-provincials in Markham this week.

Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne were still smiling, recalling how they stunned the partisan home crowd after defeating Tyler Leavitt and Brian Ladas-Taylor, who are the reigning Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics champions and last year's all-provincial C flight bronze medalist from East Northumberland Secondary School in this year's central championship.

"I let a squeal go," Hamilton said, referring to the conclusion of the match. "After he popped it up and I put it down I [shouted]."

Red Hawks coach Jason Morissette saw Ballantyne's jaw drop, reacting to Hamilton and realizing the achievement of knocking off ENSS for the silver medal and a place at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship.

Other than Hamilton, the gymnasium was left virtually silent, as the shock of the upset swept through the spectators.

"I've never seen a gym go that silent," Morissette said.

Talk of their upset was mentioned several times by coaches at the COSSA junior badminton tournament days later at HHSS, he adds.

Grade 11 athlete Ballantyne and fifth-year athlete Hamilton were left in awe at the reaction of other players.

"It felt amazing when Norwood's whole team came over and shook our hands. Every single player Norwood had there," Hamilton said. "They were like, 'How did you do that?'"

Coming into the first game (12-21 and 11-21) loss against the ENSS team, it was over before it began for the Red Hawks, which forced them to study their eventual silver medal game opponents.

"We knew they were back [as reigning champions]. They have an OFSAA medal for badminton, but in the second [match] Mr. Morissette helped us a lot figuring out their game," he said.

Throughout the day the Red Hawks team watched with their coach, breaking down the ENSS game to find weaknesses they could exploit.

"We had to get them moving lots and in that third game [of the second match] they just kept popping everything up and we put it down," he said.

Cobourg East ended up with the gold, beating ENSS on the way to the final.

Morissette, who said Hamilton and Ballantyne didn't play Cobourg all season, thinks if the draw was different a gold medal could have been a possibility.

The ENSS team even included a player that is sponsored by a racquet company, the doubles team and Morissette pointed out.

Both players know what it takes to win and how to handle pressure, as they were part of the Red Hawks varsity hockey team's bronze medal win at OFSAA earlier this year.

Although the win was similar to their hockey experience, the two are savouring how they came together throughout



**Darren Lum Staff**

Red Hawks senior doubles badminton team Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne performed under pressure, defeating a heavily favoured East Northumberland Secondary School doubles team for a COSSA silver medal. The ENSS team of Tyler Leavitt and Brian Ladas-Taylor were not just the defending COSSA champions, but also an all-provincial C flight bronze medal winner.

the season. Unlike a hockey team, all they had was each other.

"We got mad at each other a couple of times, but we'd always come back and be there for each other. If it wasn't for [Ballantyne] we wouldn't have got past Kawartha because I played brutal," Hamilton said.

Hamilton, who has played for the Red Hawks since Grade 9, knows Leavitt and Ladas-Taylor well.

With former doubles partner, Tanner Ballantyne, older brother to Curtis, he was winless in three years at COSSA and admitted it was "sweet revenge" to eliminate ENSS. The top two teams advance to the all-provincials.

This is Hamilton and Ballantyne's second trip ever to OFSAA this year and reality has just sunk in after the excitement of the upset wore off.

At the junior tournament, Hamilton ran into one of the ENSS doubles players who said his partner broke his hand, punching the wall after the frustrating loss.

With Hamilton and Ballantyne being friends through elder brother, Tanner and through hockey on their side, the two thought it was a natural fit to play together.

"Once my brother decided that he was leaving, me and Tanner were thinking and hoping that we would be together. We were talking about it," he said.

At first their coach didn't know if it could work.

Hamilton convinced him otherwise. Despite missing two

weeks of practice together because of the hockey all-provincials, the two made it work.

In the short season, Morissette said, it's significant.

The doubles team agreed with their coach that the pressure they experienced playing for the Red Hawks at the all-provincials best prepared them.

"To get to the third set with that team and not get all worked up and, like, nervous ... I think hockey helped with that because we got to OFSAA bronze [final]," Hamilton said. "When pressure hit you there there is no way you're winning that [final] game."

Morissette was surprised at how ENSS responded in the second meeting with his team.

After dropping the second game 21-18 in the second match, it flustered ENSS.

It was an opening his team jumped on by finishing with a 21-15 win.

"There's no time to be sulking," Morissette said, referring to ENSS. "That's not the way [Hamilton and Ballantyne] are. In badminton circles this is a big upset to take down an OFSAA medalist. We're talking about any sport. It would be like [the Red Hawks hockey team]. Imagine them all coming back next year - all the returning guys - and they get knocked off at COSSA."

## COSSA WIN

Red Hawks junior mixed doubles players Caleb Schmidt, front, and Hannah Klose won gold at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship on Thursday, April 24 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. See story and more photos next page.

**Darren Lum Staff**



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# Hawks defend COSSA title

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

For the second time in as many years the Red Hawks junior badminton team is the best in Central Ontario.

They were led at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton last week by golden performances from the mixed doubles team of Caleb Schmidt and Hannah Klose and doubles team of Jaydon Wood and Joel Fedeski. Singles player Noah Dollo, who finished fifth last year, earned a silver to round out the Hawks results.

Despite less players at COSSA than last year, the Red Hawks made the most of their opportunities scoring 42 points (15 for gold and 12 for silver). The next closest school didn't even break 30.

Last year, the team had four categories (singles, doubles, mixed doubles) represented with eight players, which included a pair of singles' and boys' doubles teams.

They earned the title with 42 points, edging out second place by three points winning a gold, silver and bronze, including two fifth place finishes.

This is the third team title for the Hawks in 11 years after East Northumberland strung together eight consecutive titles before 2011 when the Hawks won.



**Darren Lum Staff**

Above, Hannah Klose, who won gold, returns a shot. Right, Jaydon Wood, who also won gold, moves in for a return.



## Intimidator triathlon no match for Red Hawks alumnus

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Ed Cyr is continuing to make his ascent in the world of triathlon after a victorious performance at the Intimidator in Florida several weeks ago.

Just a few months after winning his age group at the venerable Hawaii Ironman, the 25 year-old former Highlands' resident and Red Hawks alumnus edged out triathlon veteran and local resident Nina Kraft to take the overall win in the 70.3 mile (1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 run) distance event.

Cyr took a lot of confidence from his Florida performance several weeks ago so early in the season.

Last year when Cyr competed in his first 70.3 triathlon in Mont Tremblant during the summer he was in peak condition to win his 18-24 age category, having competed in a few events.

"I was happy that I was able to carry that much fitness through winter. It's a good indicator of how fit I was to begin this year. It's a good startup to this year," he said

With a friend living nearby, racing the Intimidator was

relatively inexpensive to compete in. It helped that the event was early in the year to help keep Cyr on target with his training.

From the Intimidator organizer's facebook page, it was the closest finish in the event's 30-year history.

Kraft, who is originally from Germany, has won eight Ironman competitions and turned pro in 1999.

Cyr was happy about the motivation Kraft provided even though he didn't recognize her through the first half of the leg.

"It was fun to race with her. I was with her the entire run. I didn't even know who it was at first," he said.

Within a kilometre of the finish, the two quickened their pace and "dropped the hammer."

"It was really painful, but really fun," he said.

Cyr admits it wasn't his best run since his training this off-season didn't include much running and was primarily indoors, swimming at the pool and biking on the trainer because of the long harsh winter.

Despite the win, Cyr didn't take the event lightly even after his Hawaii Ironman experience that was twice the distance.

"I knew it was going to hurt because I haven't really trained for the distance yet," he said.

The run portion, he said, was only the second half marathon distance he has run this year.

Cyr turned pro following his Hawaii Ironman last year.

This event, he said, was for preparation of future triathlons where the pro men's field is stronger.

Part of his domination in the Florida race is partly owed to quick transition times, he said, was based on his decision to not wear a wet suit for the swim.

"That's what I like about triathlon. You don't have to be the best swimmer, biker or runner. You just have to be the best triathlete," he said.

Recently, Cyr was recognized by Waterloo University for his athletic, academic and community service excellence with the Warrior Shield of Excellence.

In Cyr's first pro race a few weeks ago at the Ironman 70.3 (1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike, 13.1 run) Florida, he finished in 38 place overall and 20 place among pro men.

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# District poppy campaign raises \$1 million



## Legion br. 636

It was a full house Saturday, starting with the Highlands Trio playing in the afternoon to an appreciative audience. This included a birthday celebration for Dawn, one of our community's Special Olympics athletes.

The entertainment also featured some excellent open sessions between sets.

A fiddle player from Coboconk was particularly good.

Our faithful volunteers prepared and served great lunch of homecut fries and roast beef, and tended the bar. Thank you to everyone who was there.

Following the Highlands Trio, there was a private function, a surprise 60th birthday party for Legion member Barry Ford.

They even had an excuse to put Barry to work in the afternoon cutting the veggies and preparing desserts for the band that he was expecting later.

The jig was up shortly after he arrived to find everyone celebrating in his honour.

There was plenty of dancing to a variety of music featuring disco, old time rock 'n roll and country, just perfect for the crowd at hand.

If you would like to book the Legion for a private party please call 705-286-4541 during regular business hours.

Members are reminded that Wednesday May 7 is election night.

We have a number of people willing to stand for office for the first time, as well as some who were on the previous executive.

The full list is posted in the clubroom. Anyone can withdraw the night of the elections, and more names can be submitted from the floor. Our Zone F-4 Commander will be there to conduct installations.

Minden Legion sent a representative to the District F Convention held last weekend in Lindsay.

Special guest was Sharon McKeown, the provincial vice president.

One of the highlights of the two-day convention was the announcement that last year's poppy campaigns in our District had raised over \$1 million and our zone just over \$125,000 of that total.

Minden Legion's result was \$12,143, the third highest among the 13 branches in our zone. Our congratulations to the volunteer canvassers for all their hard work, and a big thank you to the generous people in our community.

Scott Young, the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Service Officer will be in the area on June 24 to help veterans with applications to Veterans Affairs, for appeals, service-related disability, etc.

The most common grant from Veterans Affairs is for hearing loss related to military service. Any veteran, whether or not he or she is a member of the Legion, can make an appointment by calling Al Mayo at Minden Legion.

Don't forget to pick up the *Blue Beret* newsletter the next time you are enjoying one of our great lunches.

Copies of the Haliburton Destination Guide are also available by the coat rack, and Minden Legion has an advertisement in it.

We have placed a number of complimentary copies of Legion magazine around town. Please take one home to read at your leisure, there is a wealth of information in it.

# Spring cleanup brings out Dorset community

Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

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I'm back! Thank you to all who sent cards and called during my convalescence. My broken wrist has healed nicely and it feels great to be typing up this column!

There was a good turnout for the annual spring clean up in Dorset on Saturday, April 26. Sixteen volunteers braved the cold wet weather to come out and pick up the detritus revealed by the melting snow (although there was still quite a bit of snow in some spots in the ditches). Congratulations to LOB councillor Ruth Ross who can now boast that she was the first to swim in the Dorset channel! A big thank you to all who helped; the Dorset Lions Club, members of The Dorset Community Partnership Group, Niki Korda, Steve Woolman, Barb Townes, Janie and Clint MacKay, Ron, Karla, Emma, Noah and Owen MacKay, Linda Carey, Laurie Chester, Annette Schumacher, Steve Leavens, Collin Reaney and of course, Ruth.

The next Dorset Ladies Night takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, May 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call Lorraine at 705-766-9968.

The next meeting of the Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, May 7 at 1 p.m. Contact Ruth or Sandy at 705-766-9969 for more information.

The Dorset Lifeliners are still saving the stickers you get when shopping at Robinson's General Store to put towards new pots and pans. If you are not saving them, please donate to this wonderful community group. The program will be ending soon so don't delay! They can be dropped off at Coldwell Banker Wiley Real Estate with Judy Lilliman. Thanks in advance!

Birthday wishes for April 27 to May 3 go out to McKenzie Drinkwater, Craig Woods and Shallon Dukoff.

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

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# Spring at the old farmhouse full of new beginnings

**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse Monday was a great day. The “cable guy” arrived on time and now the television on the screen porch is ready once again for those Blue Jays bats. Jacob, home for the summer from university, came from Kinmount and gave Bruce’s computer a good spring cleaning. It is interesting how many of our local young people choose the University of Ottawa for their post-secondary studies. Best of all however was the evening phone call from 10 year old grandson Ben. “Put me on speaker phone,” were his first words as he returned home from hockey try-outs for the rep teams. There were some 50 young ones from the class of “04” competing and not only was he selected again this year but advanced up to the double A level. Last season was a difficult one for the Stouffville Clippers AE team with few wins but they tried hard and never gave up. In reply to our question about his being excited Ben replied, “Grandma I’m stoked.” Ben loves hockey, fishing, seems happy at school, very interested in nature and empathetic to the needs of others beyond his young years.



April 17 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that lone hand holders were Ron Morrison and Jesse Barlow with Bev Johnson and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening’s lows went to Helen Luffman and Tom Grix while Theresa Deak, Jesse Barlow, Ron Morrison, Jim Bradbury and Andy Broersma took home the other prizes.

April 22 contract bridge at Club 35: The top trio members were Jackie Metcalf 5,780, Ross Fletcher 5,650 and Muriel McIntosh 5,460. Gail Medcalf was awarded the Lucky Loonie while Ev Morgan and Bruce Armstrong had a Small Slam. April 22 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Topping the charts was our reporter Nancy Ballantyne at 5,590 then Don Ballantyne 5,490 and Ray McArthur 5,000 with Don and Ray teaming up for a Small Slam. April 22 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Winning for most lone hands was Harold Harvie with Gala Newell high lady and Irene McDowall low. For the gents Terry Davis was high man and Hazel [Harry] Benetin low while Helen Burk won the draw. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news. April 22 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pauline Franzen 328, Pat Roussel 276, Clare Obdam 252 and Eileen Shapiera 247. At 299 Marcy Morgan was first for the gents then Bob Pollard 253, our reporter Betty Wagar 240 and Archie Ross 237. Phyllis Windsor won the major draw with Clare Obdam, Jesse Barlow and Dorothy McElwain claiming the smaller prizes while Bob Pollard, Pat Roussel, Phyllis Windsor, Archie Ross, Clare Obdam and Bruce Medcalf took the moonshots.

April 22 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that Joan Belle and John Platt were first at 372 followed by Yvonne Arbuthnot and Andy Boivin 341. In third place at 299 were Bev Kerr and Merv Elstone while Joyce Broersma partnered with Mary Harris had the afternoon’s low of 114.

April 23 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were our bridge reporters Muriel McIntosh and Margo Davidson 54 percent and Ross Fletcher partnered with Jackie Metcalf 52 percent. Tops in East/West were Jan and Dave Heaven 60 percent then Tom and Dorothy Howat 55 percent.

April 23 bid euchre at Stanhope: Leading the ladies at 308 was Betty Wagar then Karen Chapman 297 and Marg Oetelaar 281 while for the gents

In fishing terms he is definitely “a keeper.”

Jamie and Bernie Nicholson extend a warm welcome to their Pottery in the Forest Spring open house this Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On display will be handmade functional stoneware (plus great snacks) with many one-of-a-kind items for gift giving or personal enjoyment. The log Studio is located at 197 French Line off the Crystal Lake Road south of Kinmount and about 1 km. in from C.R.121 (705-488-2400).

The Kinmount Brownies will be busy tidying up our town on the annual Pitch - In Day this Saturday, May 3 and can always use more helping hands. Volunteers should meet at the railway station at 10 a.m. for their supplies and head back for prizes and refreshments at 11 a.m. That same day the Guides will be selling their cookies on Main Street from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. These chocolate and vanilla treats are available ongoing at Austin Lumber, Kinvale Restaurant or by calling Lynne at 705-488-2919. The Kinmount Unit which includes Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders meets weekly on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Centre. Drop by or give Lynne a call for more information.

The annual rabies clinic coordinated by the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association Inc. will be held this Saturday, May 3 from noon to 2 p.m. at the fire hall adjacent to the Galway Hall. Why not take this opportunity to protect your

animal friends at a reasonable cost.

Planning is well underway for the famous Kinmount Fair on Labour Day weekend.

The Kinmount Pioneer Society is seeking crafters/artists with special talents that reflect our heritage. If interested in demonstrating these skills at the pioneer exhibit any day during the Kinmount Fair weekend Aug. 29 to Sept. 1 please call 705-488-1395.

Also anyone interested in helping with the 30th annual Pioneer Exhibit please call that number or join us on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. at the Galway Hall.

Harmony Farms will welcome Canadian broadcaster Lloyd Robertson for a book signing on Saturday, May 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. Lloyd’s book entitled *The Kind of Life It’s Been* will be available at that time but please note that reservations are recommended for this special event. Watch for further details about the schedule for the re-opening of Harmony Farms for the 2014 season.

Just a follow up on the meeting this past week regarding the skateboard funds and the alternatives for the use of the these monies to benefit our area youths. Several ideas were brought forward from those present and these will be reviewed with a second meeting to be held in June.

Those pesky ladybugs are back and for some reason attracted to my toothbrush. Until next week...

by Patti Fleury

488-2938

brucefleury1@hotmail.com

## County card scores

top marks went to Tom Grix 355 followed by Colin Miller 270 and Pat Scadden 257. Linda Lambert also reports that Al McMullen, Betty Wagar, Marg Oetelaar and Jean Dutka had single moonshots while Karen Chapman and Jason Peacock each took two. April 24 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Karin Harrison 301, Pat Roussel 278, Vi Howell 263 and our reporter Bev Johnson 253. At 268 Pat Bailey was first for the gents followed by Jesse Barlow 238, Dana Briscoe 236 and Dwaine Lloyd 234. Bev Johnson and Jim Corbett shared the hidden score, Ida Young claimed the call 1 and Pat Scadden had the single moonshot.

April 24 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Elaine Smith and Ron Morrison with our reporter May Bradbury and Doug O’Dell posting the high scores. The evening’s lows went to Betty Wagar and Murray Daniels while Helen Luffman, Murray Daniels, Cheryl O’Dell, Doug McIntosh and Bev Johnson took home the other prizes.

April 25 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe the news that Pat Bailey won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for lone hands and Jean Randell for the special prize.

April 25 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Willie and Jack Cox 66 percent and Stella McMillan partnered with Muriel McIntosh 51 percent. Over in East/West the honours went to Peter O’Connor and Rob Eaton tied with Moe and Chris Ricketts at 60 percent.

April 26 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Representing the ladies Howard Smith led at 269 followed by Maria Tschida 235, Jean Randell 205 and Beverly Emberly 203. Tops for the gents at 230 was Jason Peacock then Kevin Maloney 213, Pat Scadden 209 and Jim Corbett 193 with Vi Howell winning the special prize and Marcel Roussel taking the single moonshot. Thanks to Albert Foster for this update.

April 28 euchre at St. Paul’s Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Marion Stickwood and Lorna Hicks with Annah Buxcey and Gwen Cox posting the high scores. The afternoon’s low went to Don Blakey while Mabel Deacon won the special prize. Thanks to our interim reporter

Kay Godden for this update. April 28 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson comes the news that Jesse Barlow took top marks at 296 then Ida Young 274 and Rae Dawn Shephard 265. Jim Corbett was the draw winner with Jesse Barlow and Ida Young claiming the moonshots.

April 28 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Murray Daniels, for low hands Joan Riel and for the special prize Lil Mann. This news comes from our reporter Sherin Johnson. April 28 euchre at Club 35: Posting the high scores were Jean Dutka and our reporter Garth Windsor with Clara Miscio and Anne Manning recording the evening’s lows and Marion Farr taking home the baloney.

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## NOTICE

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These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act 2002.

Tel: Cemeteries Regulation Unit

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Monday May 5th, 2014*

Minden Legion Branch 636  
12847 Hwy 35, Minden

**AGM** will commence at 7:00pm.

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling? If so, come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season.

Do you wish to join a great group of volunteers who enjoy assisting with the many functions of a large club? Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help the club make the trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

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A dinner meal for \$10 is available at the Legion at 6:00pm.

Please RSVP to **705-457-4263**



# Minden Times Classifieds



## Helen Knapp

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in her sleep at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, April 22, 2014 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Knapp. Loving mother of Heather Young of Peterborough, Randy of Glenburnie, and Derek of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jennifer, Andrew, Kim, Robert, Meghan, Stephanie and her many great-grandchildren. Helen enjoyed reading, cards, her time at the lake, crossword puzzles and her family.

### Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209** on Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2014 from 1 o'clock until the time of the Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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## Kenneth 'Ken' MacDuff

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)



Peacefully at his residence on Tuesday morning, April 22, 2014 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Roseline MacDuff (nee Dovell) for over 65 years. Loving father of Doreen (Russell Sisson), Glenda (George Simmons), Charlotte (John Hillis), Sylvia (Wayne Hancock), Reg (at home), and Ron (Cammie Hillis). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lisa, Kendra, Tanya, Sara, George, Arlene, Richard, Greg, James, Lori, Jay, Robin, Neil, Keith, Megan, Cameron and his great grandchildren Morgan, Zach, Josh, Joe, Brady, Hadley, Eve, Carter, Kennedy, Sydney, Nick, Evan, Autumn, Lyla, Reese, Mason, Delaney, Aylssa and Jeslyn. Dear brother of Charlotte, Elgin, and Marie. Predeceased by brothers George, Preston and sisters Violet and Marjorie. Ken was an avid outdoorsman, worked with his hands, loved woodworking and most of all, his family. He worked for Bark Lake Leadership Camp for over 24 years.

### Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209** on Friday afternoon, April 25, 2014 from 3- 6 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, April 26, 2014 at 3 o'clock (Visitation 1 hour prior). Reception followed in The Community Room. Interment later Gooderham Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the HHHS Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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~ In Loving Memory Of ~

# Howard Mark

The family of Howard Mark wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who donated food, sent cards, called with expressions of sympathy, sent flowers & made donations. Thank you to the EMS & OPP for your efforts & compassion.

Thanks to Kersten, Barry & Staff of Gordon Monk Funeral Home for making this difficult loss a little easier.

Thanks to Rev. Harry Morgan for the very nice service, the music played by John Menzies, & VCW for the lovely lunch they provided.

A special thank you to my family. Without all of you, this journey would have been much more difficult.

### Thank you all

~ Olga, Clifford, Jessica, Myla, Pam, Colin, Cadence & Sawyer



In Loving Memory of

## Isabella (Isa) Fordyce Hilyer (nee Paul)

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at the age of 89.

Beloved wife of the late Richard John (Dick) Hilyer (2008). Loving mother of Elizabeth Valas of Lindsay, Susan (Allan) Jewell of Norland, Paul Hilyer of Minden, Rosemary Hilyer of Lindsay and grandmother of 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and predeceased by one great grandchild (2012). Dear sister of John Paul (Nan), predeceased by brothers Willie and Archie and by sister Elizabeth. Fondly remembered by Joe Valas and also by her extended family and friends.

In accordance to her wishes, Isa has been cremated. A Service to Celebrate her Life will be held at the Burnt River Somerville Community Centre, Burnt River on Friday, May 9, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Interment will follow at the Burnt River Cemetery. A Reception will be held back at the Burnt River Somerville Community Centre.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

## Donald Frederick Barker

(Former Owner/Operator of Don Barker Heating and Cooling)

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2014, in the care of Haliburton Hospital, after a short illness. At the age of 82 ½

Beloved husband of Ann Barker (nee Smith). Dear father of Stephen (Barb), David (Jonothan), and Leeanna. Loving grandfather of Curtis, Gavin, William and Jennifer. Dear brother of Norma Henderson, Beverly (Greg) Erratt, Sheila (Paul) Wilton, predeceased by his brother Fred and by his nephew Douglas. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, god-children, special friends (Connor, Liam, and Aidan McAllister), family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. The Service to Celebrate Don's Life will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11:00 am. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Stanhope Community Centre. Cremation has taken place.

In Lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the Stanhope Station 80 Firefighters Association or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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## 100 OBITUARY

### Jean Anderson

Peacefully at Pinecrest Nursing Home, Bobcaygeon, with her family by her side on Monday, April 7, 2014 in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of the late Carl Anderson (2011). Beloved mother of Donna May (Doug) Johnson, Fred (Leah), Winona (Ross) Wray and Bob (Beverly). Dear Grandmother of 14 and Great-grandmother of 19 and Great-great-grandmother of 2. Loving sister of the late Margaret, Charlie, Mary, Jack, Bob and Winnifred. Sister-in-law of Ruth McNeil. Jean will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends. Spring Interment in Verulam Cemetery, Bobcaygeon. If desired, memorial donations to the Pinecrest Nursing Home Activity Fund or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Messages of condolence, memories and donations may be placed at [www.monkfuneralhome.com](http://www.monkfuneralhome.com)

We wish to express our sincerest apology to Winona Wray for the misprint in last week's Minden Times. The obituary should not have read Winona Wray, but instead Jean Anderson.

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### SPRING MAINTENANCE Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting quotations for sand removal at the Haliburton and Minden Hospital facilities. Site visits will be held on May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Minden site then moving to the Haliburton site.

Quotations may be dropped off at the Haliburton Business Office or faxed to 457-2398. Deadline is 3:00p.m., Monday, May 12, 2014.

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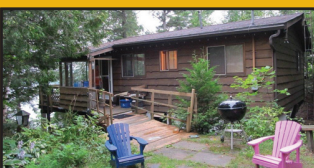
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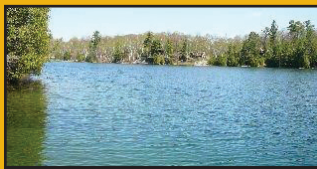
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**Jim Beef Lake \$59,000**

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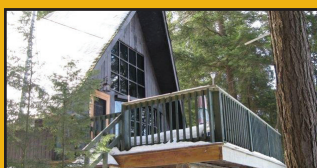
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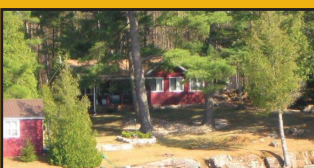
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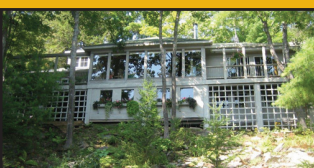
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- Upgrades – oak floors, pine board walls & ceiling
- New kitchen! New wrap around deck!
- Big lake view! Two Lake Chain!

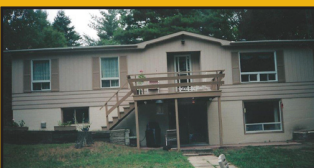
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**Minden Home \$140,000**

- 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath home
- Open concept living area, laundry
- Recently finished basement, deck, baths etc.
- Walk-out basement

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**Hunter Creek Rd Privacy \$179,000**

- 2 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- Walkout basement to large yard
- 1.9 acres of privacy
- School bus by the front door

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**Ski-in, Ski-out \$213,000**

- 3 BR, 1.5 bath home on ski on 2+ acres
- Direct Ski-in/out to Lakeview Ski & Bike
- Open-concept living area, MF Indry; woodstove
- Partially finished room in the walk-out basement

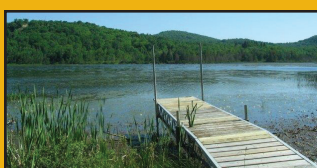
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**Private Little Redstone Lot \$419,900**

- 416 Ft Waterfront, 10.26 Acres
- Mixture of sand/rock shoreline
- Driveway installed, area cleared, docks in place
- Beautiful eastern/southeastern lake views

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



**Lg. Waterfront Lot on Cranberry Lk. 99,999**

- Nice level lot with great privacy
- 150' shoreline, 1.5 acres
- Driveway in, building area cleared
- Dock in place

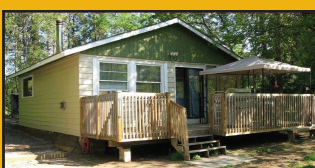
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**Gull River Minden \$178,000**

- 4 Season cottage; 2 BRs + bunkie
- Pine floors, heated waterline.
- Propane and wood heat.
- Boat to Minden or Gull Lake.

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